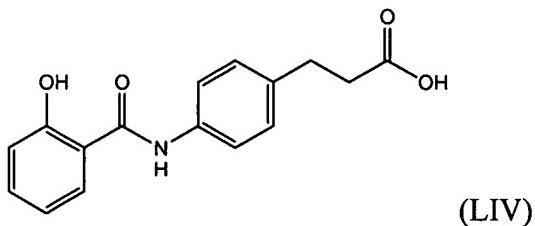


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims so that they read as follows:

Claims 1-29 (Canceled).

30. (Currently Amended) The compound



and salts thereof.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising

- a. an active agent; and
- b. the compound of claim 30.

33. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 32, wherein said active agent is selected from the group consisting of a pharmacologic agent and a therapeutic active agent.

34. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 32, wherein said active agent is selected from the group consisting of a biologically active agent and a chemically active agent.

35. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 34, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of a peptide, a polysaccharide, a mucopolysaccharide, a carbohydrate, a lipid, a pesticide, and any combination thereof.

36. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 35, wherein said active agent comprises a peptide.

37. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 35, wherein said active agent comprises a polysaccharide.

38. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 35, wherein said active agent comprises a mixture of mucopolysaccharides.

39. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 34, wherein said biologically active agent is a hormone.

40. (Currently Amended) A composition as defined in claim 34 38, wherein said mixture of mucopolysaccharides comprises heparin.

41. (Currently Amended) A composition as defined in claim 34, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormones; bovine growth hormones; ~~growth-releasing hormones~~; growth hormone-releasing hormones, interferons; interleukin-I, interleukin-II, insulin; heparin, calcitonin; erythropoietin; atrial natriuretic factor; antigens; monoclonal antibodies, somatostatin; adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone; oxytocin; vasopressin; cromolyn sodium; vancomycin; desferrioxamine (DFO); parathyroid hormone, anti-microbials, or any combination thereof.

42. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 41, wherein said biologically active agent comprises insulin.

43. (Currently Amended) A composition as defined in claim 42 41, wherein said heparin comprises low molecular weight heparin.

44. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 41, wherein said biologically active agent comprises calcitonin.

45. (Previously Presented) A composition as defined in claim 41, wherein said biologically active agent comprises human growth hormone.

46. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 41, wherein said biologically active agent comprises parathyroid hormone.

47. (Previously Presented) A dosage unit form comprising a composition as defined in claim 32; and

- a. an excipient,
- b. a diluent,
- c. a disintegrant,
- d. a lubricant,
- e. a plasticizer,
- f. a colorant,
- g. a dosing vehicle, or
- h. any combination thereof.

48. (Previously Presented) A dosage unit form according to claim 47, comprising a tablet, a capsule, or a liquid.

49. (Previously Presented) A dosage unit form according to claim 48, consisting of a tablet.

50. (Previously Presented) A dosage unit form according to claim 48, consisting of a capsule.

51. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 47, wherein said active agent is selected from the group consisting of a biologically active agent and a chemically active agent.

52. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 51, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of a peptide, a polysaccharide, a mucopolysaccharide, a carbohydrate, a lipid, a pesticide, and any combination thereof.

53. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 52, wherein said active agent comprises a polysaccharide.

54. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 52, wherein said active agent comprises a peptide.

55. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 52, wherein said active agent comprises a mixture of mucopolysaccharides.

56. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 55, wherein said mixture of mucopolysaccharides comprises heparin.

57. (Currently Amended) The dosage unit form of claim 51, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormones; bovine growth hormones; ~~growth releasing hormones~~; growth hormone-releasing hormones; interferons; interleukin-I, interleukin-II; insulin; heparin, calcitonin; erythropoietin; atrial natriuretic factor; antigens; monoclonal antibodies; somatostatin; adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing

hormone; oxytocin; vasopressin; cromolyn sodium; vancomycin; desferrioxamine (DFO); parathyroid hormone, anti-microbials, or any combination thereof.

58. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 57, wherein said heparin comprises low molecular weight heparin.

59. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 57, wherein said biologically active agent comprises insulin.

60. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 57, wherein said biologically active agent comprises parathyroid hormones.

61. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 57, wherein said biologically active agent comprises calcitonin.

62. (Previously Presented) The dosage unit form of claim 57, wherein said biologically active agent comprises human growth hormone.

63. (Previously Presented) A method for preparing a composition, said method comprising mixing:

- a. at least one biologically active agent;
- b. at least one compound as defined in claim 30; and
- c. optionally a dosing vehicle.

64. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 63, wherein said biologically active agent comprises a peptide.

65. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 63, wherein said biologically active agent comprises polysaccharide.

66. (Currently Amended) A method as defined in claim 63 65, wherein said polysaccharide comprises a mixture of muco-polysaccharides.

67. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 63, wherein said biologically active agent is selected from the group consisting of human growth hormones; bovine growth hormones; ~~growth releasing hormones~~; growth hormone-releasing hormones; interferons; interleukin-I; interleukin-II; insulin; heparin, calcitonin; erythropoietin; atrial natriuretic factor; antigens; monoclonal antibodies; somatostatin; adrenocorticotropin, gonadotropin releasing hormone; oxytocin; vasopressin; cromolyn sodium; vancomycin; desferrioxamine (DFO); parathyroid hormone, anti-microbial, or any combination thereof.

68. (Currently Amended) A method for administering an biologically- active agent to an animal ~~in need of said agent~~, said method comprising administering to said animal a composition as defined in claim 32.

69. (Currently Amended) A method for administering an biologically- active agent as defined in claim 68, wherein said administration is oral.

70. (Currently Amended) A method for administering an biologically- active agent as defined in claim 68, wherein said animal is a mammal.

71. (Currently Amended) A method for administering an biologically- active agent as defined in claim 70, wherein said mammal is a human.

72. (Currently Amended) A method for administering an biologically- active agent as defined in claim 68, wherein said composition is a solid.

73. (Currently Amended) A method for administering an biologically- active agent as defined in claim 72, wherein said composition is a tablet or capsule.

74. (Currently Amended) A method for administering an biologically- active agent to an animal ~~in need of said agent~~, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 36.

75. (Currently Amended) A method for administering an biologically- active agent to an animal ~~in need of said agent~~, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 38.

76. (Currently Amended) A method for administering an biologically- active agent to an animal ~~in need of said agent~~, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 40.

77. (Currently Amended) A method for administering an biologically- active agent to an animal ~~in need of said agent~~, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 42.

78. (Currently Amended) A method for administering an biologically- active agent to an animal ~~in need of said agent~~, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 43.

79. (Currently Amended) A method for administering an biologically- active agent to an animal ~~in need of said agent~~, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 44.

80. (Currently Amended) A method for administering an biologically- active agent to an animal ~~in need of said agent~~, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 45.

81. (Currently Amended) A method for administering an biologically- active agent to an animal ~~in need of said agent~~, said method comprising administering orally to said animal a composition as defined in claim 46.